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SUBJECT: FMS: TOW MISSILE MAINTENANCE (CASE UAD)

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1. CHARGE AND COL. HOBBS OF NEA/RA STAFF DISCUSSED TOW MAINTENANCE IN SOME DETAIL WITH CSAF PERKINS AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ON JULY 10. CSAF AGAIN INDICATED HIS VERY STRONG PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL MAINTENANCE OF TOW. THIS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON CONTRACT BASIS BY BRITISH FIRM, AIRWORKS, LTD., WHICH HAS CONTRACT FOR MAINTAINING SOAF PLANS AND EQUIPMENT. CSAF AND HIS STAFF ARE CONFIDENT THAT ALL BUT MOST DIFFICULT MAINTENANCE WITHIN AIRWORKS CAPABILITIES.

2. COL. HOBBS NOTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO ASSEMBLE AND SERVICE TOW IN IRAN UNDER AMERICAN SUPERVISION. HE ASKED IF THIS MIGHT PRESENT ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO SHIPPING ITEMS BACK TO US AS PROPOSED IN CASE UAD. CSAF RESPONDED THAT, IF ITEMS HAD TO BE SHIPPED OUTSIDE OMAN, HE WOULD PREFER THEY GO BACK TO US.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AND PASSED ON CLASSIFIED SUPPLY BULLETINS IDENTIFIED IN PARA 1(B) OF REFTEL. SAF STILL NEEDS TOW MAINTENANCE (RATHER THAN SUPPLY) MANUALS SO THAT DECISION

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CAN BE MADE ON LOCAL MAINTENANCE VS. CASE UAD. CAN

SUCH MANUALS BE PROVIDED FOR RELEASE TO SAF?

4. AS SEPARATE QUESTION (NOT RAISED WITH CSAF), DOES CONCEIVABLE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED MANUALS BY BRITISH COMMERCIAL FIRM (AIRWORKS) POSE ANY PROBLEMS? WE PRESUME THAT FIRM HAS SECURITY CLEARANCE FROM OMANGOV AND HMG TO WORK ON CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THAT PROVIDED BY BRITISH.
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